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SUBJ: FORMER ERE MINISTER THEOTOKIS CALLS FOR RETURN  
OF KING

1. SPYRIDON THEOTOKIS, WHO HAD SUCCESSIVELY HELD MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AGRICULTURE AND FINANCE UNDER CARAMANLIS IN PERIOD 1955-1963, HAS JUST RETURNED TO GREECE (CORFU) FROM SEVEN YEARS SELF-IMPOSED EXILE. IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT, THEOTOKIS ARGUED FOR IMMEDIATE RETURN OF KING, ASSERTING THAT OTHERWISE THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT ARBITRARILY EFFECTED BY DICTATORSHIP IN JUNE 1973 WOULD APPEAR TO BE CONFIRMED BY PRESENT DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. THEOTOKIS RECOMMENDS THAT AFTER KING'S RETURN, GREEK PEOPLE CAN THEN DECIDE ON ISSUE OF MONARCHY "IN VIEW OF FACT THAT KING HIMSELF HAS RAISED THE QUESTION."

2. COMMENT: DURING HIS DAYS OF PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITY, THEOTOKIS WAS GENERALLY REGARDED AS A STAUNCH MONARCHIST.  
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